

CIRCULAR No. 332.

**FORT BERTHOLD, ROSEBUD, AND PINE RIDGE LANDS—TIME OF
PAYMENTS EXTENDED.**

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
Washington, June 17, 1914.

REGISTERS AND RECEIVERS,
*United States Land Offices,
Minot, N. Dak., and Gregory, S. Dak.*

SIRS: 1. Your attention is directed to section 1 of the act of Congress, approved May 28, 1914 (Public, No. 110), which reads as follows:

That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to extend for a period of one year the time for the payment of any annual installment due, or hereafter to become due, on the purchase price for lands sold under the act of Congress approved June 1, 1910, entitled "An act to authorize the survey and allotment of lands embraced within the limits of the Fort Berthold Reservation in the State of North Dakota, and the sale and disposition of a portion of the surplus lands after allotment, and making appropriation and provision to carry the same into effect," the act of Congress approved May 27, 1910, entitled, "An act to authorize the sale and disposition of the surplus and unallotted lands in Bennett County in the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, in the State of South Dakota, and making appropriation to carry the same into effect," and the act approved May 30, 1910, entitled "An act to authorize the sale and disposition of a portion of the surplus and unallotted lands in Mellette and Washabaugh Counties in the Rosebud Indian Reservation in the State of South Dakota, and making appropriation and provision to carry the same into effect," and any payment so extended may annually thereafter be extended for a period of one year in the same manner: *Provided*, That the last payment and all other payments must be made within a period not exceeding one year after the last payment becomes due, by the terms of the act under which the entry was made: *Provided further*, That any and all payments must be made when due, unless the entryman applies for an extension and pays interest for one year in advance at 5 per centum per annum upon the amount due as herein provided, and patent shall be withheld until full and final payment of the purchase price is made in accordance with the provisions hereof: *And provided further*, That failure to make any payment that may be due, unless the same be extended, or to make any extended payment at or before the time to which such payment has been extended, as herein provided, shall forfeit the entry and the same shall be canceled, and any and all payments theretofore made shall be forfeited.

2. Said section applies to entries made after the passage of the act as well as to those theretofore made; the time for the payment of any installment which is due, or is about to become due, will be extended for one year, provided the applicant pays 5 per cent on the amount as interest for the year after its original maturity. Further extensions may be obtained on the same conditions, from year to year, but no installment can be postponed beyond seven years from the date of the entry in question. Payment of interest on installments, now due and unpaid, must be made at once, in order to secure the extension, and such payments must hereafter be made at or before the maturity of the installments to be extended.

3. There need be no formal application for extension, but making the required payment will be sufficient. The receiver will note upon the receipts and on the abstracts of collections the nature and purpose of the payments.

4. Three-year proofs may be submitted when the necessary showing can be made, and the payments be postponed until their maturity under the act opening the land to entry or under this act; final certificate and patent will not issue on any entry until full payment has been made.

Very respectfully,

CLAY TALLMAN, *Commissioner*.

Approved:

A. A. JONES,

First Assistant Secretary.

